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1. SUMMARY. DOMINANT NEWS TODAY IS YESTERDAY'S SCORELESS TIE "VICTORY" IN CHILE'S SOCCER MATCH WITH THE USSR IN MOSCOW. BUT GRIMMER REALITY INTRUDED WITH THE EXECUTION OF THREE TERRORISTS IN SANTIAGO AND INITIATION OF LARGE SCALE COURT-MARTIAL PROCEEDINGS IN VALPARAISO. END SUMMARY.

2. CHILENOS GAINED A MUCH-NEEDED RESPITE FROM POLITICS WITH THE NEWS OF THE SCORELESS TIE FOUGHT OUT BY THE CHILEAN NATIONAL SOCCER TEAM AGAINST THE SOVIET TEAM YESTERDAY IN MOSCOW. THE RUSSIANS DID NOT PERMIT EITHER TV OR RADIO COVERAGE OF THE GAME TO REACH CHILE.

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3. IN CONTRAST TO FUTBOL, HOWEVER, WAS THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE

SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE EXECUTION BY FIRING SQUAD OF THREE MEN IN THEIR 20'S CONVICTED BY MILITARY OF THE KILLING OF A CARABINERO AND THE WOUNDING OF OTHERS ON SEP 11. THE EXECUTIONS PRESUMABLY TOOK PLACE IN SANTIAGO. YESTERDAY MORNING SEPT 26 A "NAVY WAR COUNCIL" HEADED BY THE MILITARY (NAVY) GOVERNOR OF THE VALPARAISO PROVINCE BEGAN THE TRAILS OF SOME 40 PERSONS CHARGED WITH TERRORISM, STEMMING FROM THE SEPT 11 COUP AND SUBSEQUENT ARMED CLASHES WITH THE AUTHORITIES IN VALPARAISO. THE NEWSPAPER "LA TERCERA" NOTED THAT AS OF LAST NIGHT THE "FIRST SENTENCES" HAD NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED.

4. CONTINUING THE REVELATIONS OF THE PREPARATIONS OF THE UP AND LEFT EXTREMISTS FOR ATTACKS ON THE MILITARY AND POLICE, MOST PAPERS CARRY PROMINENT STORIES AND FOTOS OF SOME 25 "PEOPLES' TANKS" CONSTRUCTED OF IRON PLATE OVER ORDINARY FORK-LIFT TRUCKS, BY A BRAZILIAN EXTREMIST/EXPERT WORKING IN THE INTERVENED SANTIAGO HEAVY APPLIANCE PLANT MADECO.

5. CITING "DIPLOATIC SOURCES," EL MERCURIO AND OTHER PAPERS REPORT THAT RETIRED AIR FORCE GENERAL WALTER HIETMANN WOERNER PROPOSED AS AMBASSADOR TO THE US AND RETIRED ADMIRAL KARL OLSEN AS AMBASSADOR TO THE UK (SEPTEL). RETIRED AIR FORCE GENERAL FRANCISCO GORIGOYTIA HERRERA WAS NOMINATED AS AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN. THE RECOGNITION SCORE SHIFTED WITH THE LOSS OF HUNGARY, WHICH /SUSPENDED RELATIONS," THE ADDITION OF BELGIUM, AND THE UNCERTAIN POSITION OF FINLAND. THE PRESS REPORTS THAT FINLAND HAS WITHDRAWN HER AMBASSADOR BUT LEFT A CHARGE. PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA APPARENTLY HAS NOT FORMALLY MOVED EITHER WAY, BUT HAS TAKEN ON REPRESENTATION OF THE EXPELLED NORTH KOREANS. THE DIARIO OFICIAL FOR SEPT 25 CARRIES THE PROMOTION OF MINFONRELATIONS HUERTA FROM REAR TO VICE ADMIRAL.

6. THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING CARABINEROS WAS ILLUMINATED BY COMMENTS OF A CARABINERO OFFICIAL, BURIED PERHAPS BY DESIGN IN A LONGER GENERAL INTERVIEW WELL INSIDE THE (CENSORED) NEWSPAPERS. ACCORDING TO CARABINERO GENERAL JULIO DE LA FUENTE, FORMER DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CARABINEROS SEPULVEDA AND SEVEN OTHER GENERALS SENIOR TO GENERAL CESAR MENDOZA HAD, "LOGICALLY," RETIRED WHEN MENDOZA WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR GENERAL. ONE OF THE RETIRED GENERALS, ALFONSO YANEZ RETAMALES, HAS BEEN APPOINTED VICE PRESIDENT OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CARABINEROS SOCIAL SECURITY FUND. THERE HAS BEEN TO DATE NO RPT NO EXPLANATION OF ANY SORT CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF THE TOP LAYERS OF THE CARABINERO COMMAND, WHICH APPARENTLY TOOK PLACE ON THE MORNING OF THE COUP.

7. IN A MEETING WITH THE LEADERS OF THE VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECONDARY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS ON SEPT 26, MINEDUCATION NAVARRO IS REPORTED IN THE PRESS TO HAVE FAVORED THE FORMATION OF A SINGLE

NATIONAL STUDENTS' FEDERATION, TO HAVE STATED THAT THERE WILL BE "NO MORE TALK" ABOUT THE UP GOVT'S CONTROVERSIAL "UNIFIED NATIONAL SCHOOL" (ENU), AND THAT CLASSES MIGHT RESUME BY EARLY OCTOBER IF ALL "MARXIST RESISTANCE" IS REDUCED. HE ASSURED STUDENTS AND PARENTS THAT IN ANY CASE THE SCHOOL YEAR WILL NOT BE LOST, PRESUMABLY INDICATING PLANS TO ELIMINATE VACATIONS, RUN LONGER SESSIONS, OR OTHER EMERGENCY MEASURES TO MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME.

8. CARABINERO GENERAL DE LA FUENTE (PARA 6) WAS QUOTED BY THREE PAPERS AS CHARGING LINKS BETWEEN THE ALLENDE GOVERNMENT AND THE ILLEGAL NARCOTICS TRADE TO FINANCE THE MIR EXTREMISTS IN CHILE AND SIMILAR GROUPS IN ARGENTINA, URUGUAY AND VENEZUELA (SEPTTEL). THE GENERAL NOTED THE VALUABLE SUPPORT AND COOPERATION GIVEN TO THE CARABINEROS BY THE US NARCOTICS CONTROL AUTHORITIES DESPITE THE PROBLEMS OF THE ALLENDE PERIOD.

9. CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT (PDC) PRES AYLWIN'S INTERVIEW WITH AN ITALIAN JOURNALIST IS REPORTED TO THE DEPT IN ROME 10281. INTERVIEW SUPPORTS REPORTS OF AYLWIN'S PERSONAL UNHAPPINESS WITH SITUATION, STATING PDC "DID NOT APPROVE, BUT UNDERSTANDS" MILITARY COUP. IT HAS NOT BEEN PUBLISHED LOCALLY.

10. THE SANTIAGO NIGHT-TIME CURFEW WAS SHORTENED BEGINNING SEPT 27 TO THE HOURS BETWEEN 2200 AND 0600.
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